



Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE
HELD AT 10.30 AM ON TUESDAY 12th APRIL 2011 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES 67,
ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Donald Fraser, Reta Cocks, Pat Holden, Peter Dolby plus Mr Keith Threadgold and Mr Brian Houssart MBE

Also in attendance: Vivien Choppen, Paul Lawrence

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Miss Brenda Cartwright.

2. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting on 1st February 2011 were agreed by the Sub-Committee and signed by the Chairman.

4. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Following the recent review, membership of the Community Transport Scheme now stands at 168 members.

5. Report on Trips taken since last Meeting:

a. **The Haunting by Charles Dickens at the Palace Theatre on Wednesday 23rd**

February. 26 members enjoyed this rather scary play, which was well performed by Paul Nicholas and Charlie Clements. 2 minibus teams and one car was used to transport our members.

b. **Rayleigh Brass Band Concert at Belfairs Church on Saturday 5th March.**

21 members thoroughly enjoyed this concert, which included tea and cakes served at their seats. 2 minibus teams were used. As the number of tickets were limited, our drivers and helpers gave up their concert seats for the benefit of our members.

6. Progress on Arrangements made for Future Events:

a. **Joe Brown in Concert at the Cliffs Pavilion on Thursday 14th April.** This has not proved to be a popular choice of concert as 8 members have confirmed their bookings. One minibus, a driver and helper have all been arranged. We have four spare unsold tickets.

b. **Hyde Hall** The Community Transport Officer was asked to make firm the provisional bookings made for a trip to Hyde Hall:

Trip date Thursday 23rd June

Group entrance cost per person is £6.00.

Minibus cost per person is £5.50.

Buffet lunch on the same basis as in previous years, namely our group would be seated for lunch in a separate marquee. The caterers have yet to quote a price for the buffet.

- c. **Hylands Park** The Community Transport Officer was asked to make the following arrangements for a visit to Hylands Park:

Trip date Monday 18th July

1hr 30 mins guided tour of house at a cost of £2.80 per person

Minibus cost per person is £5.50.

Booking for refreshments to be served in the house for up to 50 people.

Simple Sandwich Lunch £5.00 + VAT; Tea/coffee and biscuits - £1.75 +VAT

- d. **Tropical Wings** The Community Transport Officer was asked to make the following arrangements for a visit to Tropical Wings:

Trip date Thursday 8th September

Transport basis only. Minibus cost per person £5.50

Members to make their own arrangements for lunch either at the Macawber's Cafe or take a picnic.

Group entrance charge for seniors is £6.75 per person.

6. Financial Assistance with Cost of Driving Licence

Drivers aged 70 years and over, require an extension to their driving licence to allow them to drive a minibus. Doctors charge for completing the necessary DVLA form. One of our drivers is seeking assistance with the doctor's charge of £110.

Following a majority decision vote on the proposal that the Council has a cut –off date of 70 years for drivers participating in our Community Transport Scheme,

it was Recommended: that the Community Transport Officer write to all drivers to communicate this decision. By inference this means that the Council would not meet, or make a contribution towards, the doctor's charge being sought. This recommendation has implications for Brian Houssart MBE and the Council's use of the Taxi Drivers' Charity Fund minibus, although no conclusions were reached.

Cllr Reta Cocks asked that the letter also include a request that drivers refrain from using hands' free phones when carrying passengers.

7. Votes of Thanks

After many years' work for the Community Transport sub Committee grateful thanks were extended to Cllrs Reta Cocks and Peter Dolby and to Vivien and Keith Threadgold, particularly for their work on the Annual Mystery Tour.

8. Proposals for Future Events

As the programme of trips was firm until early September, no more were planned.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 5th July 2011 at 10.30am.